

STATE OF VERMONT
GREEN MOUNTAIN CARE BOARD

In re: Application of Pathways Vermont)	
Development of a Five-Bed Therapeutic)	
Community Residence for Persons)	Docket No. GMCB-005-13con
Experiencing an Initial Episode of Psychosis)	
)	

CERTIFICATE OF NEED

I. Project Description and Scope

In accordance with Title 18, Chapter 221, Subchapter 5, other applicable laws and the Statement of Decision in this matter, the Green Mountain Care Board issues this Certificate of Need to Pathways Vermont, subject to the terms, conditions and requirements below.

Pathways Vermont proposes to develop a five-bed Therapeutic Community Residence called Soteria Vermont (“Soteria”) to provide a unique voluntary, early intervention residential program for individuals experiencing an initial episode of psychosis. The Soteria model differs from traditional hospitalization in that it focuses on tolerance and flexibility in adapting to the psychotic process, utilizes cautious or no use of neuroleptic medications, and employs a creative, non-professionalized, home-like environment and intensive psychosocial and relational support with the belief that psychosis can be a temporary experience that can be worked through as opposed to a mental illness that may need to be managed. This model has been shown to favorably impact functional recovery and health status, and is expected to divert unnecessary hospitalizations to a less restrictive care setting, reduce the need for long-term intensive services, and provide needed support at a lower cost than traditional hospitalization.

Soteria expects to be operational by March 2015. In addition to an annual operating budget of approximately \$1,000,000, Pathways Vermont will spend approximately \$292,644 to lease the residence (226 Manhattan Drive in Burlington), purchase furniture and, equipment, modify the residence’s kitchen and bathrooms, , install fire alarm and sprinkler systems, and to install a lift within the residence’s interior space for compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act.

The proposed project is outlined in detail in the Certificate of Need Application, related materials provided by Pathways Vermont, and the Statement of Decision issued today.

II. Timeline

Certificate of Need Application	October 16, 2013
Public Notice Published	November 5, 2013
Supplement to the Application Filed	November 15, 2013

Supplement to the Application Filed
Supplement to the Application Filed
Application Closed

January 16 and 17, 2014
February 6, 2014
February 28, 2014

III. Requirements

This Certificate of Need is subject to the following terms, conditions and requirements:

- A. Pathways Vermont shall comply with the scope of the project as described in the Application and other materials in the record submitted by Pathways Vermont. This Certificate of Need is limited to the project and activities described therein. Pathways Vermont shall in all respects develop and operate the project in compliance with the project scope as described in the Application, and in other information in the record.
- B. The project as described in the Application shall be fully implemented within three years of the date of this Certificate of Need or the Certificate of Need shall become invalid and deemed revoked.
- C. Noncompliance with any provision of this Certificate of Need or with applicable ordinances, rules, laws and regulations may constitute a violation of this Certificate of Need and may be cause for enforcement action pursuant to 18 V.S.A. §§ 9445, 9374(i), and any other applicable law.
- D. This Certificate of Need is not transferable or assignable and is issued only for the premises and entity named in the Application.
- E. If Pathways Vermont contemplates or becomes aware of a potential or actual nonmaterial change, as defined in 18 V.S.A. § 9432(12), or a material change as defined in 18 V.S.A. § 9432(11), to the scope or cost of the project described in its Application and as designated in this Certificate of Need, Pathways Vermont shall file a notice of such change immediately with the Green Mountain Care Board. The Green Mountain Care Board shall review the proposed change and advise Pathways Vermont whether the proposed change is subject to review.
- F. Pathways Vermont shall file implementation reports with the Green Mountain Care Board at six-month intervals beginning six months from the date of this Certificate of Need, through the date all components and phases of the project are complete and fully operational. The implementation reports shall include the following information and analysis:
 - 1. Overview of the project, including information and analysis demonstrating that the project conforms to and complies with the scope of the project as described in the Application. Such reports must identify any changes to the project's financing.
 - 2. A separate spreadsheet including the following columns: Certificate of Need approved expenditure amount; expenditures for the six-month reporting period and

reporting period dates (in separate columns); dollars expended to date; dollars remaining; and percent under/over budget for each line item.

3. Notice of any material or nonmaterial change, or verification that no material or nonmaterial changes are contemplated or have occurred.
- G. The Green Mountain Care Board may, after notice and an opportunity to be heard, make such further orders as are necessary or desirable to accomplish the purposes of this Certificate of Need, and to ensure compliance with its terms and conditions.
- H. All reports, notices, forms, information or submissions of any kind required to be submitted to the Green Mountain Care Board as a condition of this Certificate of Need shall be signed and verified by Pathways Vermont's chief executive officer, or by his or her designated representative.
- I. The conditions and requirements contained in this Certificate of Need shall remain in effect for the duration of the reporting period defined in paragraph F above.

SO ORDERED.

Dated: March 18, 2014
Montpelier, Vermont

s/ Alfred Gobeille)

s/ Karen Hein)

s/ Cornelius Hogan)

s/ Betty Rambur)

s/ Allan Ramsay)

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Filed: March 18, 2014

Attest: s/ Janet Richard
Green Mountain Care Board
Administrative Services Coordinator